

State Medevac Committee Meeting
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, Virginia
November 9, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Allen Yee , Chair	R. N. Possumato	Tim Perkins	Anita Ashby
Mark Holden , Med-Trans/Wings	Brian Solada	Wanda Street	Pokey Harris
Ed Brazle , Virginia Beach EMS	Mindy Carter	Michael Berg	R. Chris Eudailey
Erik Rohde , PHI Air Medical		George Lindbeck	Chris Shaffer
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard			Allan Belcher
Mark Smith , Fairfax Co. Police			Jay Lovelady
			H. Jay Cullen
			Gregory Jones
			Tim Hodge
			Devon Clary
			Bert Bogue
			Elizabeth Bufford
			Marilyn McLeod
			Carl Cline
			Maggie McCauley
			Cathy Fox
			Bruce Edwards
			John Bianco
			David Poulsen

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Dr. Yee.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the August 11, 2011 minutes:	A motion was made to approve the previous minutes. The motion was moved by Mark Holden and seconded by Erik Rohde.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Dr. Allen Yee:	Air medical continues to be in the EMS spotlight due to the number of crashes and fatalities. The Health Commissioner would like everyone to continue to improve in the areas of safety and utilization. Two medical directors are looking into the science behind air medical transport and wanted to focus on night vision and things like that. Dr. Yee has asked them to refocus their efforts on who benefits from flights and consider all the types of environments including rural, suburban and urban. Night vision cannot be mandated.	
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:	Tim welcomed everyone to the EMS Symposium. The Call for Presentation 2012 link is still on the OEMS website. The Medevac track will be the schedule for next year, but more classes are needed. Please go to the	

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	<p>website and submit your presentations before December 15.</p> <p>Michael Berg gave an update on the regulations. The EMS Regulations 12VAC531 are still at the Governor's office and has been for the past 80 days. The Office of EMS has a new staff member, Deborah Akers, who replaced Tom Nevetral.</p>	
Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:	<p>Susan and Anita are presenting on Sunday with case based scenarios. They will also talk about flight criteria. Susan presented a PowerPoint presentation at the meeting showing how the project synergy program is progressing. Dr. Yee asked if it was possible to add a field in ImageTrend asking why the helicopter was called and can it be a mandated field that has to be answered? (Drop down box with reasons: unconscious, patient looks bad, etc. with the ability to click all that apply.) Paul Sharpe would have to answer this question. Per Dr. Yee, this information may also be pulled from the ISS (Injury Severity Score).</p> <p>It was also asked if this project could be expanded. The Fairfax area is very interested and are willing to talk to Mary Washington and other hospitals in the area. Dr. Yee asked if it is possible to have regional synergy areas such as Synergy North, Synergy West, Synergy East (EVMS) and Synergy Central (VCU) based around trauma centers. Susan agreed that this is a good idea.</p> <p>Dr. Yee encouraged the agencies to work together in making this more of a success regionally. Susan suggested sending out an email to see what the level of interest might be. Tim encouraged participation and wants commitment today. This project has been going on for a few years and deserves more participation from the agencies. The committee also discussed using only data for patients picked up in Virginia and transported to Virginia hospitals.</p> <p>A motion was made to expand the project as discussed. The motion was moved by Erik Rohde and seconded by Mark Smith. Favor = 5 Opposed = 0 Abstentions = 0 Motion passed.</p>	<p>Tim will ask Paul about adding field in ImageTrend to the effect of “why helicopter called”.</p>
Virginia WeatherShare Program Development Update/Safety Work Group Update – Tim Perkins:	<p>Tim went through the WeatherSafe data and reported what each agency submitted quarterly. The LZ Directory has been added to the WeatherSafe program. However, many of the fields have not yet been updated. Tim encouraged the agencies to update their information and images on their respective pages. He also wants them to include hazard notifications. This system will also send text alerts. Tim will continue to send quarterly reports to the agencies.</p>	
Project Remley Update – Dr. Allen Yee:	<p>Per Dr. Yee, The PowerPoint has been created. More information is needed from the doctors to be placed in the evidence based-guidelines.</p>	
Program Announcements:	<p>Ed Brazle, Virginia Beach EMS – No report.</p> <p>Erik Rohde, PHI Air Medical – Erik has moved into a regional position and Chris Shaffer will be taking his seat on the committee and will attend the meetings. Chris is the operations manager for Virginia and Maryland. The Winchester base will be moving to Front Royal and will not have an impact on service areas.</p>	

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	<p>Mark Smith, Fairfax Co. Police – Fairfax is excited about taking delivery of their first Bell 429 aircraft next week. Hopefully, it will be put into service the beginning of December after everyone is acclimated with it. They hope to get the second Bell 429 in March.</p> <p>Jay Cullen, VSP – No announcements.</p> <p>Mark Holden, Wings – No announcements.</p> <p>Maggie McCauley, Nightingale – Nightingale is working diligently to get the dispatch center up and running.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion – No announcements.</p> <p>Allan Belcher, CentraOne – Carl Cline is new with CentraOne and will attend the meetings.</p> <p>Tim Hodge, UVA/Pegasus – No announcements.</p> <p>Jay Lovelady, VCU LifeEvac – No Announcements.</p> <p>David Poulsen, Air Methods – No announcements.</p> <p>Anita Ashby, Wellmont Health System – No announcements.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	None.	
New Business:	<p>Dr. Lindbeck has spoken with Dr. Yee about automatic primary dispatch of air medical services. This is a new concept in the State. The idea is that when someone calls in to the dispatch center, the air medical program will be dispatched as part of the original dispatch. The concern is more aircrafts being dispatched without the proper information as well as concern about competition. Dr. Lindbeck asked if there were any programs being dispatched by PSAPs? One of the agencies heavily encourages stand-by; they are not being dispatched. There is a huge under utilization of stand-by. This will remain on the radar and be discussed again.</p> <p>Committee Structure Tim would like to rotate the committee members and give other agencies a chance to contribute more. The numbers will not change, but the members will. If anyone is interested, please submit a letter of intent to Tim. Also, there is an open position for a consumer member at large and a non-designated trauma center representative. Allan Belcher nominated Dr. Marilyn McLeod for the non-designated trauma center rep. She will fill that position.</p>	<p>Submit your Letter of Intent to Tim if interested in filling a seat on the committee.</p> <p>Dr. Marilyn McLeod will fill the non-designated trauma center seat.</p>
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:09 a .m.	2012 Meeting Dates: February 9, May 17, August 9

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